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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<i>image</i>	Application Number	09/596,129
	Filing Date	June 16, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Reithinger, et al.	
	Art Unit	2814	
	Examiner Name	Phat X. Cao	
	Attorney Docket Number	00P7685US	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	James C. Kesterson	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	25,882
Signature		Date	January 19, 2004

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 856.00)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check Credit card Money Order Other None Deposit Account

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Deposit Account Name	Slater & Matsil, L.L.P.

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001 375 Utility filing fee	770.00
1002	330	2002 165 Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003 260 Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004 375 Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005 80 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
19	-26**= 0	X	18	= 0	
10	- 9**= 1	X	86	= 86.00	

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42 **Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 86.00)

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252 205 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453 650 Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502 235 Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503 315 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810 375 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801 375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3)

(\$ 770.00)

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